

*Amendments to the Claims*

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended) A viewing management method for managing the viewing of a content recorded on an information recording medium readable with a prescribed reproduction device, said method comprising:

presenting an acquisition code prerecorded on said information recording medium wherein an acquisition code prerecorded on said information recording medium is presented to a viewer desiring to view a viewing management target content; content, receiving a password acquired by the viewer said viewer receives a password acquired from a server computer based on said presented the acquisition code; code; and starting the reproduction of said viewing management target content is started via [[the]] an authentication process based on said received the password, wherein a password management table associating said password with said acquisition code is recorded on said information recording medium, and said prescribed reproduction device presents an acquisition code corresponding to a random number generated according to a prescribed random function.

2. (Original) A viewing management method according to claim 1, wherein, when said viewer acquires the password from said server computer, a viewing fee of said viewing management target content is charged to said viewer.

3. (Currently amended) A viewing management method for managing the viewing of a content recorded on an information recording medium readable with a prescribed reproduction device, comprising:

a step of said prescribed reproduction device starting to read said information recording medium;

~~a step of said prescribed reproduction device that started reading said information recording medium~~ presenting a prescribed acquisition code to a viewer, and urging the viewer to input a prescribed password;

a step of a prescribed server computer accessed by [[the]] an information terminal device of said viewer ~~according to prescribed position information~~ urging the viewer to input the prescribed acquisition code;

a step of said prescribed server computer presenting a password corresponding to said prescribed acquisition code to said viewer upon receiving said prescribed acquisition code from the information terminal device of said viewer;

a step of said prescribed reproduction device performing, ~~authentication based on said received prescribed password~~ upon receiving [[the]] a prescribed password from said viewer, authentication based on the prescribed password; and

a step of said prescribed reproduction device starting the reproduction of the content recorded on said information recording medium when it judges that ~~said received the~~ prescribed password is valid as a result of said authentication,

wherein a password management table associating said password with said acquisition code is recorded on said information recording medium, and

said prescribed reproduction device presents an acquisition code corresponding to  
a random number generated according to a prescribed random function.

4. Cancelled.

5. (Currently amended) A viewing management method according to claim [[4]] 3,  
wherein said server computer comprises a viewing management database containing a  
table corresponding to said password management table, and

wherein a prescribed password corresponding to the prescribed acquisition code  
received from the information terminal device of said viewer is specified by referring to  
said viewing management database, and the prescribed password is presented to said  
viewer.

6. (Currently amended) A viewing management method according to any one of  
claims 3 or 5 3 to 5, wherein prescribed position information for the server is recorded on  
said information recording medium, and

    said prescribed reproduction device presents said prescribed acquisition code  
    together with said prescribed position information.

7. (Currently amended) A viewing management method according to any one of  
~~claims 3 to 6~~ claim 3, wherein said viewing management method further comprises a  
step of urging said viewer to select a viewing management target content, and

when said viewing management target content is selected, the prescribed acquisition code corresponding to said selected viewing management target content is presented.

8. (Currently amended) A system for reading an An information recording medium readable with a prescribed reproduction device, the system comprising:

a prescribed reproduction device; and

an wherein said information recording medium having recorded thereon is used for recording a viewing management target content, a prescribed password management table and prescribed control information,

wherein in said prescribed password management table, a prescribed password is associated with a prescribed acquisition code, and

wherein said prescribed control information contains a control program for causes said prescribed reproduction device to realize perform a plurality of functions, the functions comprising:

a function of presenting [[said]] a prescribed acquisition code  
corresponding to a random number generated according to a prescribed random  
function to said viewer and urging said viewer to input [[said]] a prescribed password associated with said presented prescribed acquisition code in said  
prescribed password management table,

a function of, when said viewer inputs said prescribed password,  
performing authentication of said input prescribed password when said viewer  
inputs said prescribed password, and

a function of reproducing said viewing management target content  
according to the result of said authentication.